

**CHAPTER 482**

**(Senate Bill 380)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Economic and Employment Development - Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness**

FOR the purpose of creating the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness within the Department of Economic and Employment Development; setting forth the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission; requiring a certain annual report; establishing guiding principles for supporting manufacturing in Maryland; providing for the expiration of the initial terms of the members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness.

BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment Development  
Section 5-601 through 5-604, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Manufacturing has long been a staple of the Maryland economy; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs spur the production of another two to three jobs in the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs are generally high-wage and high-skill jobs; and

WHEREAS, All manufacturing industries in Maryland face stiff international competition, and many Maryland manufacturing industries are lagging behind in their growth; and

WHEREAS, Many manufacturing industries in Maryland are dependent on defense spending and must adjust to sharp reductions in total national defense spending; and

WHEREAS, It is outmoded thinking to separate manufacturing and technology when they in fact go hand-in-hand; and

WHEREAS, Many of the State's emerging technology-related industries will be engaged in manufacturing in the future as they begin to commercialize products; and

WHEREAS, All manufacturers need to deploy the latest advances in technology and management practices to be competitive; and